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National Skill Development Policy
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the present national skill development policy framed in 2009;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons which necessitated review of the existing policy;

(c) whether the Government has consulted all stakeholders in order to standardize procedures and outcomes across the sectors and geography;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which a new policy is likely to be put in place?

Answer

(a) to (e) Recognizing the imperative need for skill development, National Skill Development Policy was formulated in 2009. Given the paradigm shift in skilling and entrepreneurship ecosystem in the country and the experience gained through implementation of various skill development programmes, there was an imminent need to review the existing policy. Moreover, the 2009 Policy itself provides for a review every five years to align the policy framework with the emerging trends in the national and international milieu. National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015 supersedes the policy of 2009. The primary objective of this policy is to meet the challenge of skilling at scale with speed, standard (quality) and sustainability. It aims to provide an umbrella framework to all skilling activities being carried out within the country, to align them to common standards and link skilling with demand centres. In addition to laying down the objectives and expected outcomes, the policy also identifies the overall institutional framework which aims to act as a vehicle to reach the expected outcomes. Skill development is the shared responsibility of the key stakeholders viz. Government, the entire spectrum of corporate sector, community based organizations, highly qualified and dedicated individuals who have been working in the skilling and entrepreneurship space for many years, industry and trade organizations and other stakeholders. The policy links skill development to improved employability and productivity and paving the way forward for inclusive growth in the country. The skill strategy is complemented by specific efforts to promote entrepreneurship in order to create ample opportunities for the skilled workforce. The Government has notified the National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, 2015 on 15th July, 2015.